

# Holiday history

## Tea parties and plum pudding

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If the holidays put stress on your closest family relationships, fear not. Victorian author Satenig St. Marie offers a lesser known remedy. With a glimpse into yes-

teryear wisdom, St. Marie claims holiday plum pudding has “magical powers” to reconcile estranged loved ones and that husbands and wives at odds with each other may find their differences minimized “by the moral influence of the pudding.”

Nearly as enticing, the annual Holiday Tea put on by the Clatsop County Historical

Society offers an opportunity to see the Flavel house decorated in turn-of-the-century holiday finery, with greenery boughs and period ornaments reflecting from the gleaming hardwood floors and stained glass windows.

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## If You Go

Flavel House Holiday Tea and Plum Pudding

\$12, \$8 for historical society members.

Includes plum pudding, a cup of tea and self-guided tours of the mansion.

1-4 p.m. Dec. 21-23 and 26-30.

Reservations recommended for groups of eight or more.



A wreath and garland hang in the main hallway on the first floor of the Flavel House.

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